

Remarks

Claims 39-83 and 86-97 are pending in the present application. Claims 50-60, 86-92, and 94-97 are allowed - Applicant wishes to convey his gratitude to the Examiner. Claims 39-49, 61-83 and 93 are restricted and have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 98 and 99 have been added as dependent claims to more particularly point out the invention. No new matter has been entered as a result of this amendment.

Applicant believes that the presently claimed invention is now in condition of allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 854-4237 should he determine that a telephonic interview would expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen J. Gaudet, Ph.D.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 48,921

Date: 8/3/04